

# SPECIFICATIONS

## Equipment, Vegetation Removal with Operator Rental

### Coverage Area and Award Structure:

The State is seeking to be award to the lowest four responsive and responsible Respondents within each Region, Region 1-4 to provide statewide coverage as requested by the State Engineer. Please reference the map labeled “Region 1-4 Map” attached to this event.

The contract follows an A, B, C, and D Vendor award structure so that each Region has up to four vendors on contract with priority A, B, C, or D status.

Assignment:	Vendor A	Vendor B	Vendor C	Vendor D
Region 1	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Region 2	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Region 3	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Region 4	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>

### State of Tennessee Responsibilities:

- A. The State shall identify all work locations and provide the necessary traffic control.

### Mechanical, Shredding/Chipping Work:

#### Description of Mechanical, Shredding/Chipping Work:

- A. This work shall consist of the continuous shredding and trimming the side and top of brush and trees encroaching along the side of roadways and shoulders. Trimming of vegetation shall be from ground level up to thirty feet and the width shall be as determined by the State Engineer.
- B. All debris shall be placed through the chipper and chips blown back on the right of way providing a thin covering. All debris shall be approximately 2” in diameter or smaller. Vendor shall not leave large pieces of debris that would interfere with mowing.

#### Description of Bluff Area Work:

- A. This work shall consist of the trimming, by hand, brush and trees encroaching along the side of rock bluffs along the roadway and placing the debris through brush chipper. Chips are to be blown back on the right of way.
- B. All stumps are to be left flush with ground level. All debris shall be approximately 2" in diameter or smaller.

### Contractor’s Responsibilities:

- A. The contractor shall furnish, at the unit prices bid, the necessary equipment, operators, and incidentals for the satisfactory completion of the work. The operator rate and the equipment rate shall be included in the

line item bid price. All equipment shall be maintained in good working condition at all times. All equipment shall meet the requirements as set forth by OSHA.

- B. The contractor shall reimburse the department for any damage to State property caused by the contractor's work procedures, personnel, or sub-contractor personnel.
- C. All rates set forth by the quoted unit shall be based upon a forty (40) hour work week.
- D. The State reserves the right to inspect equipment prior to award to determine conformity to specifications. Equipment literature must be available for every piece of equipment.
- E. The primary vendor is to begin work within two (2) weeks after being called at a given location. There will be a minimum two (2) week call-out for all tracked equipment. All other equipment and operators shall be a minimum one (1) day call out.
  - If Vendor A is non-responsive or cannot be available on-site within the required time frame, then Vendor B will be contacted. If Vendor B is non-responsive or unavailable within the required timeframe, then Vendor C will be contacted. If Vendor C is non-responsive or unavailable within the required timeframe, Vendor D will be contacted.
- F. The size of the project will govern the number of pieces of equipment needed.
- G. Work in Davidson, Hamilton, Knox and Shelby counties may be limited to 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on weekdays and 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekends.
- H. Work will not be allowed on holiday weekends as determined by the State.

### **Mobilization Charge**

The mobilization charge shall only apply to line items for tracked equipment. All other line items should include mobilization fees in the bid price.

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